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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUSLIM REBELS

REF: (A) MANILA 15652; (B) JIDDA 6566; (C) MANILA 15474

1. DURING OCT 7 PRESS CONVERENCE FOR FOREIGN REPORTERS ATTENDING IMF MEETING, PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS QUESTIONED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUSLIM REBELS. IN COURSE OF VAGUE AND RAMBLING RESPONSES TO THESE QUERIES, HE CONFIRMED THAT DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY BARBERO AND ADMIRAL ESPALDON (CHIEF MILITARY COMMANDER OF MINDANAO) "MAY" BE LEAVING SOON ON NEGOTIATING MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST. PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS "NOT FREE" TO REVEAL EXACT DESITNATION. HE IMPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WITH REPS OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE "COMMITTEE OF FOUR" WHICH IS CHARGED WITH HANDLING OF PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM AND NOT RPT NOT MERELY WITH REPS OF MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

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2. COMMENT: TONE OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, WHICH  
WERE ELICITED BY DIRECT AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM  
AP'S ARNOLD ZEITLIN, SUGGESTS THAT FINAL FORM AND  
CONTENT OF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.  
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